

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:]	
KLEMM et al.]	Group Art Unit: 1625
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Application No. 10/531,609]	Examiner: Gallis
]	
For: METHOD FOR OBTAINING A]	Attorney Docket 1-17010
GASEOUS PHASE FROM A LIQUID]	
MEDIUM AND DEVICE FOR CARRYING]	Confirmation No. 8173
OUT THE SAME]	

June 3, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Sir:

In the Office Action of April 3, 2009, The Examiner required an election between claim group I, claims 13-19, 24 and 25, drawn to a process for the recovery of a gaseous phase from a liquid fluid and claim group II, claims 20-23 drawn to a device for implementing the process of claim 13 on a commercial scale.

In response thereto, applicants elect to prosecute claim Group II, claims 20-23, drawn to a device for implementing the process of claim 13. This election is made without traverse. Further, this election is made without prejudice to presentation of later filed continuing applications covering the non-elected claims in the application.

Request for Extension of Time

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows:

37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month

Please charge any fees due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-1816.

Any required fee will be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission.

In light of the above, prompt action on the merits in this action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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